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FOR AMBASSADOR DALE FROM AMBASSADOR REED

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TAGS: OVIP, ECON

SUBJECT: VOLKSPR AMBASSADOR FRANCIS DALE

1. I AM VERY SORRY THAT CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE I MUST BE IN THE MALDIVES TO PRESENT MY CREDENTIALS AT THE SAME TIME YOU WILL BE VISITING COLOMBO. I WAS JUST INFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES THAT THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MY PRESENTATION BETWEEN NOW AND LATE SEPTEMBER. MY INVITATION FOR YOU AND MRS. DALE TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE, OF COURSE, STILL STANDS. MRS. REED WILL HOST AN INFORMAL LUNCHEON FOR YOU UPON YOUR ARRIVAL FROM SINGAPORE. RAY PERKINS, MY DCM, WILL ACT IN MY STEAD AS HOST FOR THE DINNER THAT EVENING AT THE RESIDENCE.

2. AS I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, THE GSL HAS BEEN ALMOST TOTALLY ABSORBED WITH THE ONON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE

SO WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME DIFFICULTY OBTAINING CONFIRMATION FROM SOME OF THEIR TOP ECONOMIC PEOPLE.

HOWEVER, WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT WE WILL HAVE A GOOD TRUNOUT FOR THE DINNER ON THE 23RD.

3. THIS IS YOUR SCHEDULE AS IT STANDS AT THE MOMENT:

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AUGUST 23

1120 ARRIVE COLOMBO VIA SQ 581 -- TO BE MET BY
DCM PERKINS AND ECONOMIC OFFICER JOHN SPILLANE

1230 ARRIVE AT RESIDENCE FOR IN-HOUSE LUNCHEON
HOSTED BY MRS. REED

AFTERNOON MEET WITH AMBASSADOR DE ALWIS (STILL TENTATIVE)

1930 STAG DINNER AT RESIDENCE HOSTED BY DCM PERKINS

1930 LADIES TO DINE WITH MRS. PERKINS AT DCM RESIDENCE

AUGUST 24

0900 TAPE TEN-MINUTE INTERVIEW FOR SRI LANKA
BROADCASTING SYSTEM (SLBS)

0930 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR AIRPORT

1110 DEPART FOR SINGAPORE VIA SR 314

4. ONCE AGAIN, MY SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR NOT BEING HERE
TO MEET YOU AND MRS. DALE, BUT LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU
BOTH AT SOME FUTURE TIME. MRS. REED AND MY STAFF ARE
LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT AND WILL DO EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO MAKE YOUR STAY A PLEASANT AND FRUITFUL ONE.
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